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TAGS: UN XF PLO

SUBJ: INCREASED EPS COVERAGE FOR UN DEBATE ON PALESTINE QUESTION

1. THE UN DEBATE ON PALESTINE QUESTION AND PRESENCE IN NEW YORK CITY OF A PLO DELEGATION HEADED BY YASIR ARAFAT OR WHOEVER IS DESIGNATED IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE STRONG REACTION FROM ANTI-ARAB GROUPS AND POSSIBLY FROM ARAB FRINGE GROUPS AS WELL. NEW YORK CITY POLICE AND UN OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN TO USUN AND ARE PREPARING PROVIDE HIGHEST POSSIBLE DEGREE OF SECURITY FOR PLO DELEGATES. THE UN WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AS A SECURITY PRECAUTION. NEW YORK CITY POLICE WILL PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ALL ARAB DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED AT STREET LEVEL AND FOR LARGE NUMBER OF NON-DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH MAY BECOME TARGET OF ANTI-ARAB GROUPS. IT REMAINS FOR US GOVT TO DO ITS SHARE AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY IN THOSE AREAS NOT COVERED BY NEW YORK CITY POLICE.

2. USUN ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS INCREASED EPS CONTINGENT IN NEW YORK CITY TO PERMIT COVERAGE OF ALL ARAB DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED INSIDE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

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ABOVE STREET LEVEL. THESE ADDITIONAL POSTS WOULD

BE MANNED ONLY DURING BUSINESS HOURS, AS IS THE PRESENT PRACTICE, AND WOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING ARAB MISSIONS AND CONSULATES NOT PRESENTLY RECEIVING EPS COVERAGE: LIBYA, SUDAN, MOROCCO, QATAR, BAHRAIN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, OMAN, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC.

3. THIS EXTRAORDINARY COVERAGE WOULD BE REQUIRED ONLY FOR PERIOD OF NOV 4 THRU NOV 8, FOLLOWING WHICH EPS WOULD REVERT TO ITS PRESENT COVERAGE OF MOST IMPORTANT ARAB MISSIONS PLUS TURKEY AND CYPRUS.

4. REGARDING PLO DEL, ALTHOUGH SIZE AND COMPOSITION NOT YET CLEAR, IT IS EVIDENT USG FACED WITH SERIOUS SECURITY PROBLEM WITH POSSIBLE GRAVE POLITICAL OVERTONES SHOULD BREAKDOWN IN SECURITY OCCUR DURING THEIR STAY IN US. USUN BELIEVES IT MAY BE NECESSARY HAVE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL SECURITY PERSONNEL (E.G. STATE, SECRET SERVICE) ASSIGNED TO PLO DEL FOR THIS PERIOD. REQUEST SY/WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE AND SECRET SERVICE JOIN USUN AND NYPD FOR MEETING IN NEW YORK EARLY NEXT WEEK TO REVIEW THEIR PLANNED COVERAGE OF PLO. THIS INFO SERVE AS BASIS DECISION WHETHER FURTHER US GOVT PARTICIPATION REQUIRED.
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